WCLS Training Session

PURPOSE FOR BEING HERE TODAY

To discuss and better understand MDEP WCLS and how to successfully plan and get funds programmed for Life Cycle Management of Training Aids, Devices, Simulations, and Simulators (TADSS).

Today's Life Cycle Management & Planning Environment

Limited Funding

DA WCLS Definition

Life Cycle Mgmt. Plans (LCMP)

Concurrency

Investment Expense Thresholds

Project Director

Training Mission Area (TMA)

Financial Mgmt. Regs. (FMRs)

POM

Life Cycle Contractor Support (LCCS) Contracts

Obsolescence

TADSS in service past their life expectancies.

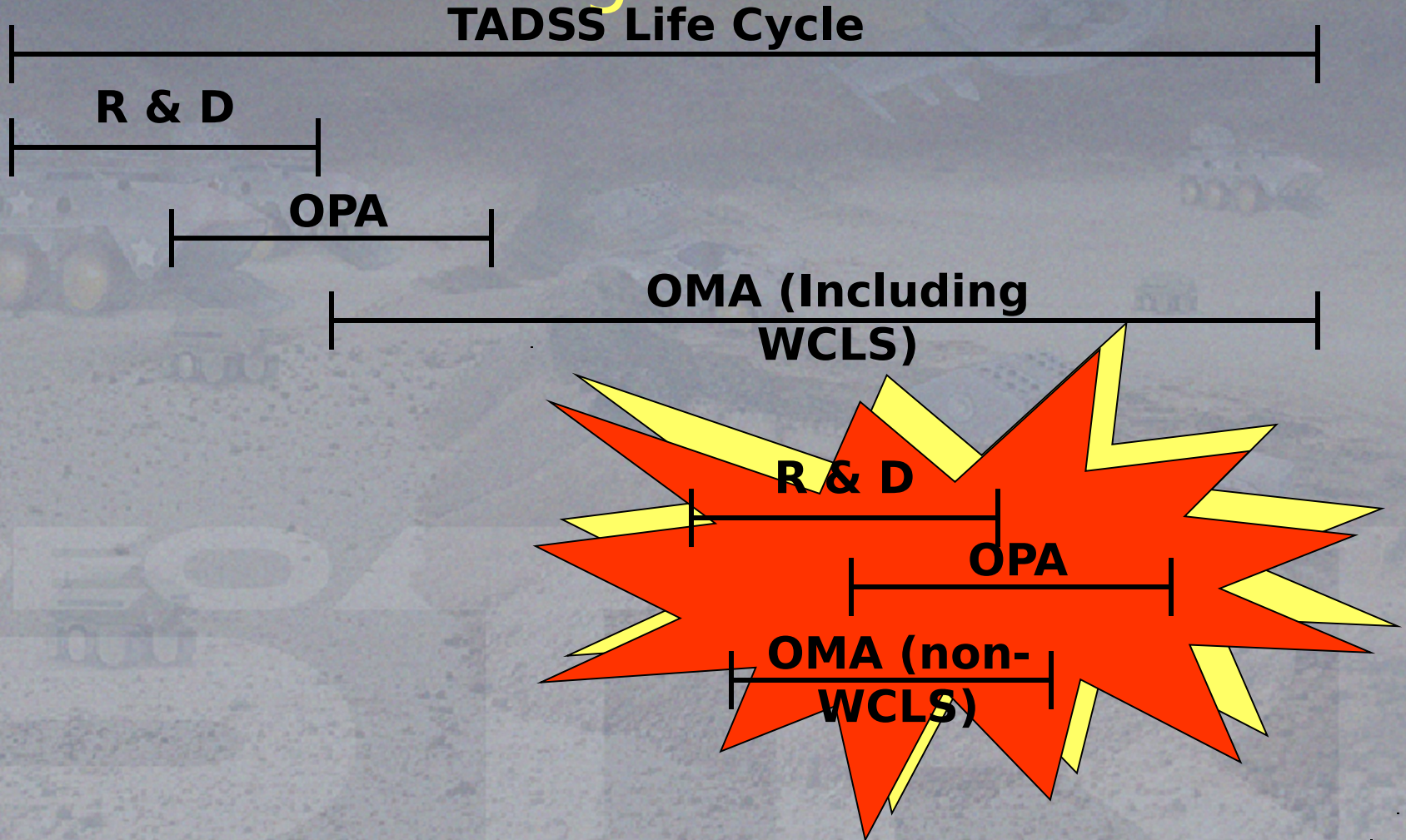
MANY CONFUSING FACTS

- **The Scope of LCCS is larger than the DA WCLS Program Definition**
  - **LCCS Contractors are partnered to provide integrated LVC support**
  - Many reimbursable customers use our contracts to include CONOPS funding
- **DA makes exceptions to the DA WCLS Program Definition**
  - WCLS funds operators for CCTT
  - WCLS partially funds operators for TRADOC Simulation Centers
  - WCLS did fund operators for Flt Sims until 1997
  - WCLS does fund support for some installation-unique TADSS
- **LCCS contracts are large, commodity-based (for efficiency) service contracts.**

Don’t Let the Confusing Environment Prevent You from Getting the Appropriate Funds Programmed

- **Understand the proper use of WCLS**
- **Timely follow up during the PPBES cycle to ensure your requirements are being addressed in the appropriate MDEP**
- **LCMPs…Ensure appropriate R&D, OPA and non-WCLS OMA funds are programmed in the years after fielding to address obsolescence and concurrency**

Gain Control of TADSS Obsolescence & Concurrency Issues Through LCMPs



What is WCLS?

- WCLS is an Indirect OPTEMPO Management Decision Package (MDEP) under the Operation Maintenance – Army (OMA) appropriation.
- Additionally, it is a Budget Activity 1 restricted MDEP
  - Budget Activity 1 is for Operational Forces only
- It is not an acronym, it is an MDEP code

Current DA Guidance for Support under MDEP WCLS

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WCLS Supports	WCLS Doesn't Support
• Maintenance • Repair Parts • Supply Support • MACOM unique TADSS (DA approved) • Operators (DA approved)	• Initial Spares • MACOM unique TADSS • Operators

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WCLS Doesn't Support

- Upgrade of TADSS for Concurrency
- Upgrade of TADSS to avoid Obsolescence
- Uncoordinated/Non-validated TADSS

Investment/Expense

- How to Classify
  - Use OMA for “costs of resources consumed in operating and maintaining the Department of Defense.”
    - Equipment rental, maintenance, repair, overhaul
    - Assemblies, spares and repair parts, and other items of equipment not “designated for centralized item management and asset control if less than $250K per system.
  - Use Procurement for “to acquire capital assets such as real property and equipment.”
    - Equipment not “designated for centralized item management and asset control if more than $250K per system.
  - Conditional Case
    - Use OMA, regardless of dollar amount, for “continuous technology refreshment” that does not increase the performance envelope of the system.
    - Use Procurement, regardless of dollar amount, for “continuous technology refreshment” that increases the system capability beyond current performance envelope.

- Source: http://www.dod.mil/comptroller/fmr/02a/Chapter01.pdf

Definition Scenario

WCLS funds are a separate appropriation entitled “World-wide Contractor Logistics Support” True or False?

Scenario Answer

- **FALSE**
- **WCLS is a code.**
- **WCLS is a specific Military Decision Package (MDEP) within the OMA appropriation and further constrained by Financial Management Regulation.**

Confusing Scenario

- PM Bicycle has a contract to operate and maintain the stand alone bicycle simulators. The computers and image generators run on the first computer developed by Bill Gates. The big Army decides to refurbish the system with Pentium IV computers and state of the art image generators. In addition, because of the increased power of the new computers, it is determined desirable to add an AAR and new terrain database of Zekestan. Further, the bicycle simulators will be networked for collective training. The price for the refurbished system is $300,000.
- What color of money should be used?

Scenario Answer

- Non-WCLS OMA should be used for purchase and installation of the computers and image generators. Non-WCLS OMA should also be programmed for future technology refreshment.
- Procurement should be used for the AAR and Zekestan terrain database.
- The $300K price has no bearing on this decision because a conditional case takes precedence over the other rules.
- Difficult to separate where “replacement” and “new” line is drawn. We must use our best judgment.

Replacement Scenario

The electronic tent peg Training device program was completely fielded three years ago. The 486 computers are rapidly becoming technology obsolete and the warranties have expired. The best course of action is to replace the 486s Army-wide with Pentium IVs. Can we use WCLS dollars to do this?

Scenario Answer

- Under the existing DA program definition, WCLS dollars can not be used for wholesale replacement or upgrade. This must be accomplished with non-WCLS OMA dollars. However, if the enhancement/upgrades increase the performance envelope of the device non-WCLS OMA or OPA would be appropriate
- Need to get it into your plan (LCMP) early

Worn Out Simulator Scenario

The bicycle simulators fielded worldwide are 20 years old. While these systems are still operational and continue to train students, their effectiveness has reduced with age. Form fit replacement components are difficult if not impossible to find. When found, they are very expensive. The cost to refurbish the systems is $9M.

Question: What type of funds are appropriate to use in this case?

Scenario Answer

1. **The system PM should consider the replacement of the device as it has exceeded its planned life cycle**
2. **However, if the decision is to refurbish the existing system, OPA funding is appropriate.**

Per DFAS-IN Manual 37-100-04, this would be an investment cost. Therefore the PM that fielded the device should POM for Procurement dollars to upgrade the systems.

Relocation Scenario

A unit of action (UA) is being reassigned to an Eastern European country next year, and the Commander wants to relocate some simulation assets to create a “BCTC like” operation at its forward deployed location. Can we use WCLS dollars to relocate the training devices?

Scenario Answer

1. In this scenario there are less than 2 years to get the funds programmed. Therefore, it would be funded by the MACOM (likely from Transformation funds).
2. If the relocation requirement is known at least two years in advance, funding can be programmed in MDEP WCLS.
3. It is also possible to fund this effort from CONOPS if the move is part of a deployment.

Force Structure Scenario

The force structure realignment to create a UA has increased the maneuver forces in the battalion. This increase has resulted in a requirement for an additional UAV training device. Can we use WCLS dollars to add the additional device?

Scenario Answer

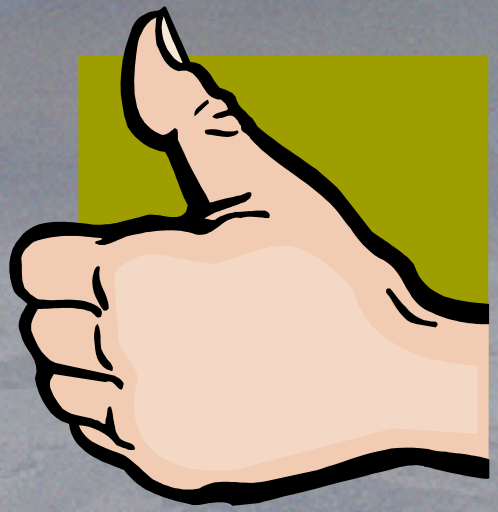
You need to use OPA funds to procure training devices even though the requirement was generated by a force structure change.

World-Wide Fielding Scenario

PD Jane is procuring a new line of Tactical Engagement Simulators that will be fielded to every Army MACOM.

Question: Is WCLS the appropriate MDEP in which to program funds for maintenance of the training devices?

Scenario Answer

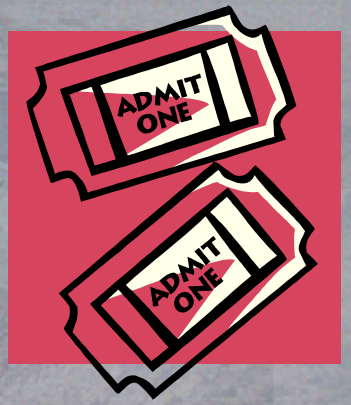


Yes. WCLS is the appropriate MDEP for maintenance of training devices fielded world-wide.

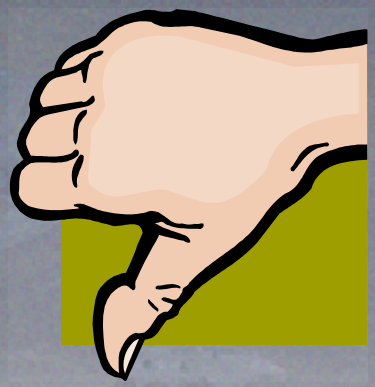
Lost Item Scenario

The using unit has requested that we replace a lost training device (e.g. a VIPER or STINGER) using WCLS funds. They have no funds to send us for this purpose and believe sufficient WCLS funds are available to purchase replacement.

Is this a legitimate use of WCLS funds?



Scenario Answer



No

It is not permissible to use WCLS funds to replace training devices. The unit should review the circumstances surrounding the loss, and seek replacement in accordance with applicable regulations.

The replacement in this scenario should be customer funded.

STRI Black Eye Scenario

PD Jim states he does not have enough program funding to purchase the recommended initial spares, unique tools, and test equipment required to support fielding of his system. He requests WCLS funds be used to purchase these items to avoid a “drive by fielding.” If WCLS funding is not available, all of PEO STRI will get a black eye.

May we use WCLS to purchase these items?

Scenario Answer

* **NO**. The purchase of initial spares, special tools and test equipment with WCLS funds is **not** permissible. The PD should request additional program funding or consider reducing the system quantities in order to properly field a supportable system.

Concurrency Scenario

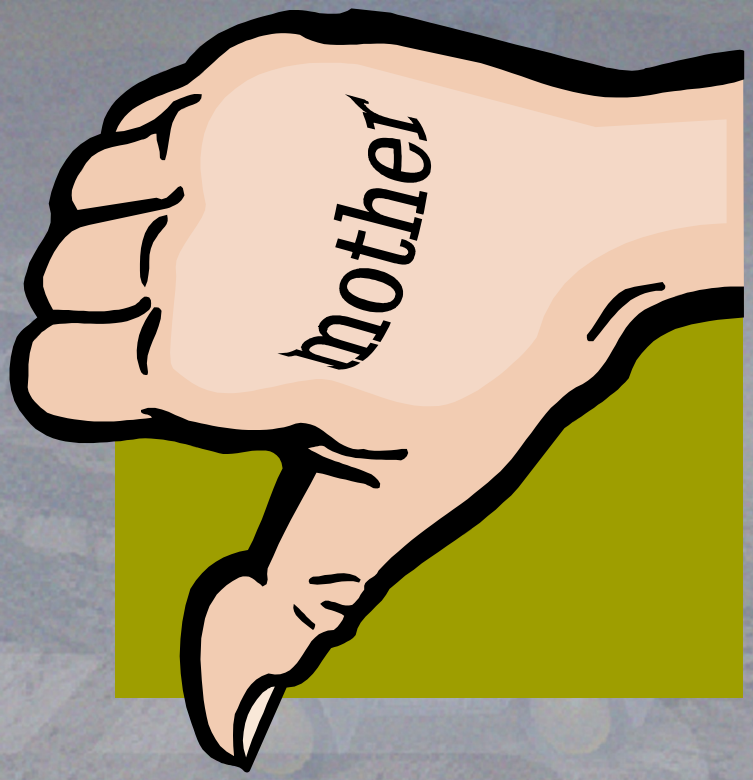
PM Widget is fielding an enhancement to the M1A3 Widget Weapon system. PEO STRI has many fielded M1A3 TADSS that will be out of sync with the weapon system after the enhancement.

Question: Can WCLS funds be used for modifying M1A3 TADSS to make them concurrent with the weapon system?

Scenario Answers

No !

This effort is a weapon system concurrency upgrade which requires the Weapon System PM to fund with Procurement dollars



Upgrade/Inspection Scenario

PM Bicycle has funded the refurbishment of the Bicycle Simulators. Prior to the kit installation, the trainers need to be inspected and baselined. During this process, several deficiencies are identified that need to be addressed prior to kit installation.

Question: Which appropriation should be used to fund the corrections to the devices?

Scenario Answer

- It depends on the extent of the correction.
- Routine maintenance is WCLS funded.
- Refurbishment is defined in DFAS-IN Manual 37-100-04 as an expense. If the deficiency requires refurbishing to correct it, a non-WCLS type of OMA may be appropriate.
- If the correction is required on all systems, it is part of the procurement of a supportable system and may require OPA funding.

Last Minute Change Scenario

FORSCOM recently decided they want the refurbished Bicycle Simulators to train additional MOSs, and therefore the simulators must be operational for more hours at a higher availability rate. These new and immediately needed readiness requirements will require additional contractor support.

Question: Can WCLS be used to increase the level of support?

Scenario Answer

1. This change to the support requirement could be a valid WCLS bill, but does not provide enough time for the Army to validate the requirement and program funds for the support.
2. You should request that the customer fund the additional support until the requirement can be properly validated and programmed.

Installation Unique Scenario

Fort Frustrated is tired of waiting for the big Army to approve and fund a badly needed device to better prepare soldiers to go to war. With their own funds, they procure the training device, and it will be unique to Fort Frustrated.

Question: Can WCLS be used to maintain the training device.

Scenario Answer

The DA WCLS Program Definition specifically prohibits use of WCLS for maintenance of installation-unique training devices. Customer funds should be requested to support the device unless an exception has been granted by DA and funding is programmed in WCLS.